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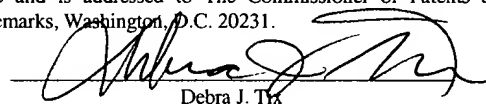
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ATTN: PATENT APPLICATIONS  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled "TRANSVERSE CONNECTOR WITH CAM  
ACTIVATED ENGAGERS" - Robert J. Jones, et al.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a one-page abstract; a title page; and a 38 page specification that includes 34 pages of claims (Claims 1-282). In addition, we have also included 26 drawings on 12 sheets and a Preliminary Amendment. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of Robert J. Jones and G. Grady McBride for the above-entitled invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventor(s) Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) be sent to the undersigned Applicants representative.

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